

tion 11.13 and the appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property is more than \$500,000, as determined by the order;

(C) \$450, if the property does not qualify as the owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property is \$1 million or less, as determined by the order;

(D) \$750, if the property does not qualify as the owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property is more than \$1 million but not more than \$2 million, as determined by the order; ~~or~~

(E) \$1,000, if the property does not qualify as the owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property is more than \$2 million but not more than \$3 million, as determined by the order; or

(F) \$1,500, if the property does not qualify as the owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property is more than \$3 million but not more than \$5 million, as determined by the order.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a request for binding arbitration under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for binding arbitration under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, that is filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the request is filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on March 22, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 2017: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

A REPORT ON THE SALE OF RETAIL ELECTRIC POWER BY THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

CHAPTER 571

S.B. No. 736

AN ACT

relating to a report on the sale of retail electric power by the General Land Office.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. (a) The General Land Office shall collect information on the sale of electric power by the General Land Office.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2018, the General Land Office shall provide to the legislature a report on the information collected under Subsection (a). The report must include the following information for each year:

- (1) number of participants;
- (2) aggregate rates;
- (3) general contract terms; and
- (4) the extent of any fiscal impact on state resources of administering the program.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on April 12, 2017: Yeas 24, Nays 7; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2017: Yeas 26, Nays 5; passed the House, with amendment, on May 24, 2017: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective September 1, 2017.

**TRANSFER OF CERTAIN SUITS AFFECTING THE PARENT-
CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

CHAPTER 572

S.B. No. 738

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 155.201, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) On receiving notice that a court exercising jurisdiction under Chapter 262 has ordered the transfer of a suit under Section 262.203(a)(2), the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction shall, pursuant to the requirements of Section 155.204(i), transfer the proceedings to the court in which the suit under Chapter 262 is pending, within the time required by Subsection 155.207(a).

SECTION 2. Section 155.204(i), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i) If a transfer order has been signed by a court exercising jurisdiction under Chapter 262, *the Department of Family and Protective Services shall* ~~the party may~~ file the transfer order with the clerk of the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction. On receipt and without a hearing *or further order from the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction*, the clerk of the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction shall transfer the files as provided by this subchapter *within the time required by Subsection 155.207(a).*

SECTION 3. Section 262.203(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) On the motion of a party or the court's own motion, if applicable, the court that rendered the temporary order shall in accordance with procedures provided by Chapter 155:

(1) transfer the suit to the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction, if any, *within the time required by Subsection 155.207(a), if the court finds that the transfer is:*

(A) *necessary for the convenience of the parties; and*

(B) *in the best interest of the child;*

(2) ~~[if grounds exist for mandatory transfer from the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under Section 155.201,]~~ order transfer of the suit from *the* ~~[that]~~ court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction; or

(3) if grounds exist for transfer based on improper venue, order transfer of the suit to the court having venue of the suit under Chapter 103.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect only if a specific appropriation for the implementation of the Act is provided in a general appropriations act of the 85th Legislature.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on April 27, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 2017: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2017.